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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-4 and 16-19 are pending in the application.
2. Claims 1-4 and 16-19 remain rejected under 35 USC 103(a) for reasons of record given in the Office Action dated 10/2/08.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 10/22/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that although Saito et al. describe phenolic compounds, Saito et al. do not describe or suggest phenolic molecular compounds directed to molecular compounds selected from the group consisting of hydrates, solvates, adducts and clathrate compounds.

This argument is not convincing because it would not be unreasonable, to one having ordinary skill in the art, to expect that the phenolic compounds taught by Saito et al. contains residual water or solvent from their preparation which would render the said phenolic compounds, molecular compounds as recited by the present claims.

Therefore, the presently claimed invention would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ELVIS O. PRICE whose telephone number is (571)272-0644. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30am to 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel M. Sullivan can be reached on 571 272-0779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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